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Dear Hirota:

As you probably know I have renewed my correspondence with Professor Kikkawa relating to the possibility of my visiting Japan next Spring. I would certainly look forward to this opportunity very much.

Thank you for sending the very interesting manuscript on the fertility effects of the R factor. Fritz Orskov, who was with us at Madison just before you were there has been doing extensive immunological studies on the antigens characteristic of male strains. I imagine he will be in touch with you concerning the possibility of his continuing an immunological examination of the strains which are rendered fertile by the R factor for comparison with the standard F. As it is quite unlikely that anyone in the world could do this particular immunological work so well - and there is every reason to believe that it will be quite difficult - I think that it would certainly be most advantageous to facilitate his making such a study.

With most cordial regards,

Yours sincerely,

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